



# Calvary Family News

June 2021

## Ask not what the Lord can do for you...

Laurie and I are reading through Oswald Chambers' devotional, *My Utmost for His Highest* on those mornings when our schedules coincide. The book was written about 100 years ago and can be a little hard to wrap your head around because honestly, language has changed since that time. Today's reading was like that; hard to understand until we thought it through and got the meaning of what he was trying to teach. After talking it through we were able to glean two very important biblical truths from what we read.

The first point reminded me of the famous line from John F. Kennedy's inauguration speech (I remember it well, I was about a month old): "Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country." Obviously the idea Chambers was making was that we need to be more concerned with what we can do for our Lord than what we want Him to do for us. Remember, he has already given us a relationship with Himself and if that wasn't enough we get to look forward to eternal life with him in Heaven. One of my favorite passages in the Bible is **Philippians 2:3-8**:

**3** Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. **4** Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. **5** Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, **6** who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, **7** but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. **8** And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Loving and serving Christ by loving and serving others is what we are called to do.

The second thing I learned has to do with the motivation of our service. The things we do for Jesus need to flow from our relationship with Him, not from a sense of responsibility or the feeling that we have to somehow earn God's favor. As the old hymn says, "There is Joy in Serving Jesus."  
Pastor Karl Wittich

## Great Hymns of the Faith

I am taking the hymn for this month from a small, palm sized Methodist Hymnal (words only), copyright 1933. This little book was given to me by my friend, Leah, and I treasure it greatly. My mother was saved at a Methodist camp meeting in the 1920's. The Methodists were great evangelists and sang the great hymns of the faith.

### I am not Skilled to Understand

I am not skilled to understand  
What God has willed, what God has planned;  
I only know at His right hand  
Stands One who is my Savior.

I take God at His word and deed;  
Christ died to save me, this I read;  
And in my heart I find a need  
Of Him to be my Savior.

That He should leave His place on high  
And come for sinful man to die,  
You count it strange , and so do I,  
Since I have known my Savior.

Yea, living, dying, let me bring  
My strength, my solace, from this spring,  
That He who lives to be my King  
Once died to be my Savior.

Written by Dora Greenwell, 1821-1882  
Janice Haskell



### June Birthdays

3rd Duane Shumway

10th Eli Wright



**Sunday, the 4th of July we will NOT  
be at the Church but Worship in  
Geiser-Pollman Park at the God &  
Country Rally at 10am.**



### Family Activity Night

On Saturday, May 22, we played the game, "Beat That" with a variety of snacks. A great time was had by all playing games and finding out the folks with hidden skills. Ideas for upcoming Family Activity Nights were requested, so please share with Kelli or Laurie! Our next Family Fun Activity will be on Saturday, June 26th, watch for more details!

Tamera Pierce



## Off the Shelf

Book: ***Epicenter: Why the Current Rumbblings in the Middle East will Change Your Future***, copyright 2006, by author Joel Rosenburg, an evangelical Christian from an Orthodox Jewish heritage.

The history of mankind begins in the Middle East and will end there, too. There is much about politics in the Middle East that is murky and confusing to Western minds. But the eyes of the world are focused on Israel, the modern miracle, and the Middle East now more than ever. "Like it or not we live in interesting times." Mr. Rosenburg's testimony is found in the last chapter. I think you will find this book very interesting and current.

Reviewed by Cleta Sword, and this book is in our church library.



## Interview with Kelli Wright, Children's Church Teacher and Family Fun Night Organizer

Kelli started teaching in the AWANA program and has been teaching children in our church off and on for 18 years. She stepped up to teach when her children were young and there was no one else to do it. She learned by doing and says the teacher learns twice as much as the student because of the preparation involved. She loves to teach the story that is not just a story, but the Word of God. She loves to see the children have fun and see the light come on in their eyes when they understand the spiritual meaning of the Scriptures.



She and Laurie Wittich chose curriculum that goes along with what is being taught in the church service. They purchase a curriculum and adapt it to the needs of their class. Through October Kelli will be teaching in the book of Hebrews. Kelli and Laurie alternate teaching with the change of themes.

Kelli is a mental health and child development therapist. She is a graduate of Oregon State University. A native of Ontario, Oregon, she moved to Baker City at age 19. She is married to Dennis Wright and they have three sons.

Although Family Fun night has been happening on and off over the years, the Covid isolation was what spurred her on to have a fun night every month. She likes to play games and bring the generations together through fun and games. This past year we have enjoyed Bingo, Corn Hole Toss, Mini Golf, and an interactive challenge game of "Beat That!". She believes laughter and fellowship are good for the soul.



Thank you, Kelli, for your work on behalf of us all here at Calvary Baptist.

Janice Haskell



## Landscaping Changes

On Saturday, May 15th, several church members were out at 8 am, ready to start tearing things up... or at least pruning, and digging, and packing branches and such.



All were extremely grateful for the excavator and backhoe arriving, helping make things easier and much, much quicker for all! We were able to open up more of the lawn for activities, moving and removing some trees and bushes that had grown up over the years. Dirt and boulders were moved around the 4th and Broadway sign starting a new flowerbed that will be completed after it warms up.

Some of the thinned-out tree shoots/suckers and bushes were taken to be planted at folks' homes. After that, four trips to the dump to haul off removed branches, roots, stumps, dead stuff, and such, totaling 9,350 pounds (which ends up being a little over 1000 pounds for each of the nine folks

that help the work).



At the end of the day, we were all extremely thankful for the extra help of the big equipment, and the delicious lunch that provided a much-needed refueling break of pizza and assorted drinks! Thanks to all the helpers and organizers for tackling the tasks needed!

Tamera Pierce



## Father's Day Tacos!

On Sunday, (Father's Day), June 20th, Crystal Pierce will be making us authentic Mexican Tacos —*Not American*, after Worship Time. Please bring a side dish, salad and/or dessert and join us!

## The Times They are A-Changing...

Community Crafters have gone to a once-a-month format with the hopes that summer will show up and stay. The meeting dates will be June 17th and also July 22nd. A craft will be ready for you to do, but you are more than welcome to catch up with Janice and Bob, sew or work on your projects for the entire time, or just a few minutes. They are very gracious when I pop in and have not made me stay when I say hi and see what fun things they are doing.

Tamera Pierce



Please contact the Co-Editors, Janice Haskell and Tamera Pierce, for any feedback, ideas, or submissions. Thank you!





# JUNE 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9am Adult Sunday School  10a Worship & Children's Church & Nursery	31	1 10 a Ladies Bible Study	2  11:30-12:30 Ladies Lunchtime Bible Study @ Yvones	3 5:30-6:00pm Community Dinner: BBQ Burgers & Dogs 6:15pm Celebrate Recovery	4	5 <b>Graduation Parties!</b>  
6 <b>9am Adult Sunday School</b>  10a Worship & Children's Church & Nursery	7	8  10 am Ladies Bible Study	9  11:30-12:30 Ladies Lunchtime Bible Study @ Yvones	10 5:30-6:00 pm Community Dinner: <b>Breakfast!</b> 6:15pm Celebrate Recovery	11	12
13 9am Adult Sunday School  <b>Senior Recognition</b> 10a Worship & Children's Church & Nursery	14	15  10 am Ladies Bible Study — <i>Last One before Break!</i>	16  11:30-12:30 Ladies Lunchtime Bible Study @ Yvones	17 <b>9a-1p Community Crafters</b> 5:30-6:00 pm Community Dinner: <b>Chicken Potato Bowls!</b> 6:15pm Celebrate Recovery	18	19
20 <b>Father's Day Tacos after Worship!</b> 9am Adult Sunday School 10a Worship & Children's Church & Nursery	21	22 	23  11:30-12:30 Ladies Lunchtime Bible Study @ Yvones	24 5:30-6:00 pm Community Dinner: <b>Tacos!</b> 6:15pm Celebrate Recovery	25	26 730-9am Men's Breakfast  Family ActivityNight
27 9am Adult Sunday School  10a Worship & Children's Church & Nursery	28 July Newsletter Items Due! 	29	30  11:30-12:30 Ladies Lunchtime Bible Study @ Yvones	1 5:30-6:00 pm Community Dinner: <b>Cooks Choice!</b> 6:15pm Celebrate Recovery	2	3
 <b>10am Worship in the Park God &amp; Country Rally</b>	5	6	7  11:30-12:30 Ladies Lunchtime Bible Study @ Yvones	8 5:30-6:00 pm Community Dinner: <b>Cooks Choice!</b> 6:15pm Celebrate Recovery	9 	10